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LOK SABHA

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USE OF FERTILIZER UNDER NEW FOREIGN POLICY
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any assessment has been made under the New Agricultural Policy inregard to the quantity of fertilizer to be used in order to increase the annual agriculture production by 4 percent in the ensuing years;

(b) if so, the total estimated requirement of the quantity of various chemical fertilizers in order to achieve the target of agricultural production;

(c) the present annual production thereof; and

(d) the quantity of chemical fertilizers being used in the country at present?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a)&(b): The exercise to assess the demand for fertilisers during the Tenth Five Year Plan (2002-2007) and beyond is currently under way. This exercise will also take into account the targets for agriculture production and the requirement of fertilisers to achieve those targets.

(c)&(d): The production and consumption of chemical fertilisers in N P K nutrient terms during the year 2000-01 was as under:-

Production (N&P)@	Estimated Consumption (N,P&K)
147.51 lakh MT	165.89 lakh MT

@ Requirement of K is met wholly through imports.